At the meeting of June 18, 1945, the invasion plan for Japan was discussed. General Marshall's plan was approved.

We were approaching an experiment with the atomic explosion. I was informed that an event would take place within a possible thirty days.

Then it was suggested that after that experimental test of the fission of the atom, that we give Japan a chance to stop the war by a surrender. That plan was rejected. Japan refused to surrender, and the bomb was dropped on two targets after which the surrender took place.
Following the decision in the last memo, when the message arrived informing us of the successful explosion of the experimental atom bomb at Los Alamos, Sec. Stimson, Gen. Marshall, Allen Dulles, Sec. Byrnes, Gen. Arnold, and one or two others came into my office at the Potomac White House, and we discussed the proposed notification talked about on June 16th.

After some discussion it was decided to send the message from Potomac. Of course, Chiang had to be informed and asked to join with the U.K. Churchill and myself.

The message was sent both from and through Sweden and Switzerland once over. We had nothing in reply.
host the radio statement referring to surrender.

I am not informed at all on the last question. It is proba-

ably a Monday morning quarter-

back affair after the game

was over.

K.C.